

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Royal Gorge Field Office
3028 E. Main Street
Canon City, CO 81212**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-200-2012-0077 CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER (optional):

PROJECT NAME: Highway 285, Park County Dump

PLANNING UNIT: South Park Subregion #4

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 6th P.M., T11S, R77W, Section 4, SE1/4 SE 1/4

APPLICANT: BLM

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

The site has been marked and requires waste cleanup in accordance with Colorado regulation. This will be followed by the seeding of the site, as warranted due to its location. This effort will be carried out in Level D PPE.

Background:

- The dump is not visible from Hwy 285, but lies less than a quarter mile away.
- The Dump is located in a previously used, unauthorized borrow pit.
- Waste was originally scattered throughout pit, but a nearby landowner (w/o authorization from the BLM) used equipment to push it into a pile after coordinating with Park County.
- After initial site reconnaissance and waste characterization on 9/30/2011, there does not appear to be a substantial potential for release. However, there is some POL staining and the potential for some of the waste to have been “compromised” when the private landowner consolidated it.

Below is the scope of work that will be carried out by the contractor:

Objectives:

- Both existing waste pile and scattered waste in the pit need to be characterized and removed.
- All waste needs to be characterized and disposed of offsite at an appropriate permitted landfill (based on earlier reconnaissance, there will be at least 3 waste streams).
- Visibly impacted soil will also need to be removed, characterized and disposed of offsite at the appropriate permitted landfill.
- Some soil samples may need to be collected for confirmation of removal and characterization purposes.
- As potential landfilling of the waste was identified during the 9/30/11 site visit, up to five small trenches may need to be dug to confirm or deny this possibility.

Actions:

- Sampling and characterization will take place initially the week of September 17, 2012 to determine extent of impacts from the dumped waste. 2-3 TCLP analytical soil samples and up to 15 samples from across the site using an XRF and photoionization instrument will be collected. The method of collection for the TCLP samples will most likely consist of a small hand shovel and not exceed 1' in depth. The other samples will either be shot in-situ or involve a small scraping of the surface, which will then be bagged and shot onsite.
- Removal of waste will follow, once a cleanup strategy has been determined based on the results of the sampling and characterization efforts. Identified waste to date consists of municipal, construction, insulation, household appliances, vehicle maintenance, batteries and yard. Further characterization of the waste will be required as the removal is taking place. The waste will most likely be removed utilizing heavy equipment and rollofs.
- Upon waste and impacted soil removal, it is anticipated that the unauthorized borrow area will be re-contoured on the edges, to provide a more gradual landform. Seeding of the area will be conducted by broadcast methods, utilizing a native mix.

Park County dispatch will be notified regarding the cleanup action, in case the public inquires as to the actions. No members of the public or unqualified BLM employees will be allowed onsite during this effort.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW:

Name of Plan: Royal Gorge Resource Area RMP

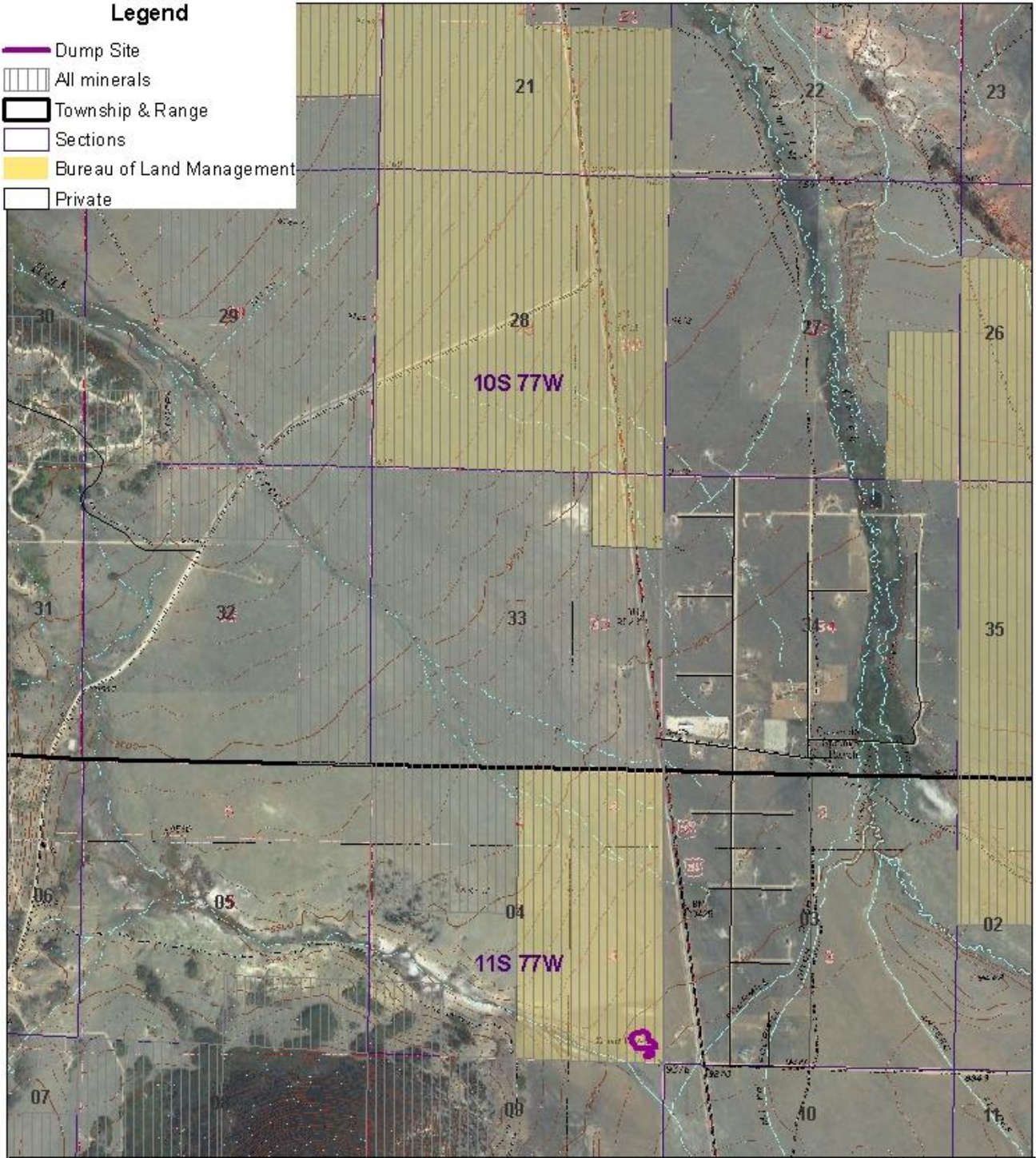
Date Approved: May 1996

Decision Number: C-16, C-20

Decision Language: C-16, Review all hazardous sites/areas on a case-by-case basis.
C-20, Handle hazardous materials emergencies according to the district emergency response hazardous materials contingency plan.

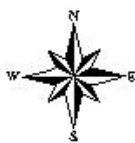
Legend

-  Dump Site
-  All minerals
-  Township & Range
-  Sections
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Private



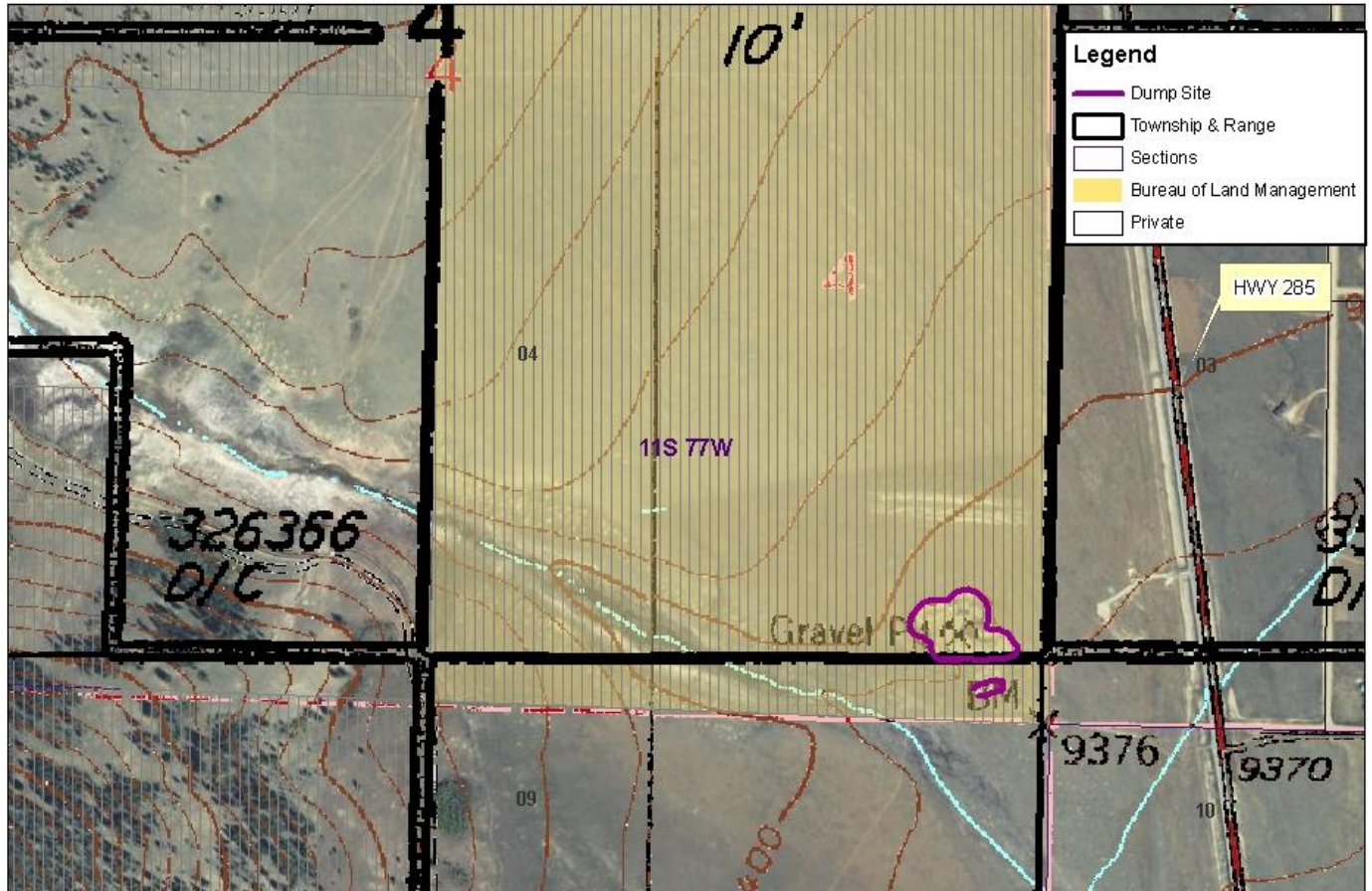
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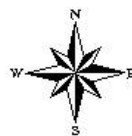


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PROJECT MAP
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1 in = 611 feet



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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: This proposed action is listed as a Categorical Exclusion in DOI Departmental Manual Part 516 Chapter 11 J (10). None of the following exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Exclusion Criteria	YES	NO
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; lands with wilderness characteristics; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		X
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM REVIEW			
NAME	TITLE	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	Initials/date
Matt Rustand	Wildlife Biologist	Terrestrial Wildlife, T&E, Migratory Birds	MR, 9/20/2012
Jeff Williams	Range Management Spec.	Range, Vegetation, Farmland	-----
Chris Cloninger	Range Management Spec.	Range, Vegetation, Farmland	CC, 9/17/12
John Lamman	Range Management Spec.	Weeds	JL, 09/25/2012
Dave Gilbert	Fisheries Biologist	Aquatic Wildlife, Riparian/Wetlands	DG, 9/19/12
Stephanie Carter	Geologist	Minerals, Paleontology, Waste Hazardous or Solid	SSC, 9/20/12
Melissa Smeins	Geologist	Minerals, Paleontology	-----
John Smeins	Hydrologist	Hydrology, Water Quality/Rights, Soils	JS, 9/17/12
Ty Webb	Prescribed Fire Specialist	Air Quality	TW, 9/24/12
Tony Mule'/Jeff Covington	Cadastral Surveyor	Cadastral Survey	JC, 9/19/12
Kalem Lenard	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation, Wilderness, LWCs, Visual, ACEC, W&S Rivers,	KL, 9/17/2012
John Nahomenuk	River Manager	Recreation, Wilderness, LWCs, Visual, ACEC, W&S Rivers	-----
Ken Reed	Forester	Forestry	KR, 9/17/2012
Martin Weimer	NEPA Coordinator	Environmental Justice, Noise, SocioEconomics	mw, 9/19/12
Monica Weimer	Archaeologist	Cultural, Native American	-----
Erin Watkins	Archaeologist	Cultural, Native American	EW, 9/18/2012
Vera Matthews	Realty Specialist	Realty	VM, 9/25/2012
Steve Cunningham	Law Enforcement Ranger	Law Enforcement	NA
Bob Hurley	Fire Management Officer	Fire Management	BH, 9/19/2012

REMARKS:

Cadastral: There are no records of a recent survey in the area. The area was originally surveyed in 1872 and GCDB reliabilities are high. The section corner of 3, 4, 9 and 10, T. 11 S. R. 77 W., 6th P.M. should be located as well as the ¼ corner to the north and west of the section corner to accurately map the location of the dump site in comparison to the public lands/private lands boundary.

Cultural Resources: No historic properties were found in the area of potential effect [see report CR-RG-13-72 (N)]. Therefore, the proposed undertaking will have no effect on any historic properties (those eligible for the NRHP).

Native American Religious Concerns: No possible traditional cultural properties were located during the cultural resources inventory (see above). There is no other known evidence that suggests the project area holds special significance for Native Americans.

Threatened and Endangered Species: There are no records of any federally listed species within or near the project area. Mountain plover, a BLM sensitive species, can be found near the action area; however, cleaning a dump site outside the breeding and brood rearing season will have no impacts to plovers or their habitat. The Proposed Action will not result in impacts to TES species.

Weeds: Equipment used to implement the proposed action should be washed prior to entering the project area to remove any plant materials, soil, or grease. Areas disturbed by project implementation will be monitored for the presence of weeds on the Colorado State Noxious Weed list. Monitoring is required for the life of the project and for three years following project completion. Identified noxious weeds in disturbed areas will be treated.

Wastes, Hazardous or Solid: If the project involves oil or fuel usage, transfer or storage, an adequate spill kit and shovels are required to be onsite during project implementation. The project proponent will be responsible for adhering to all applicable local, State and Federal regulations in the event of a spill, which includes following the proper notification procedures in BLM's Spill Contingency Plan.

COMPLIANCE PLAN (optional):

NAME OF PREPARER: Melissa Smeins

SUPERVISORY REVIEW: Jay Raiford

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: /s/ Martin Weimer

DATE: 12/17/14

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this Categorical Exclusion and have decided to implement the Proposed Action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 10 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

/s/ Keith E. Berger
Keith E. Berger, Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 12/17/14